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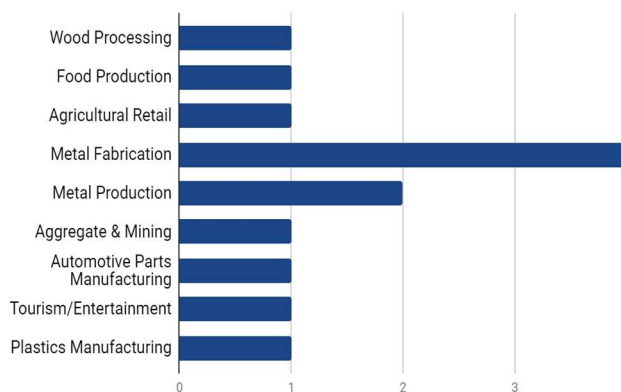
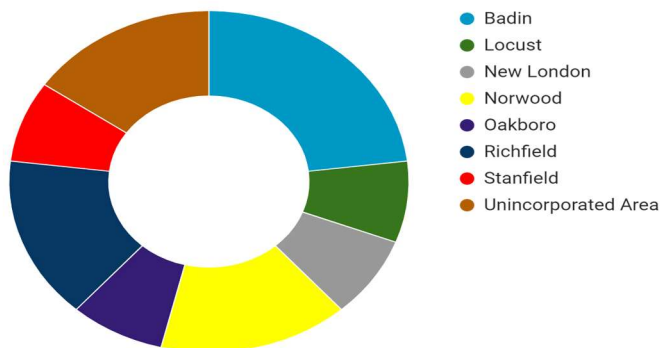
Economic Development Update

There was one (1) new active project added in the past 30 days. The current number of projects with activity in the past six (6) months is thirteen (13).

Staff responded to six (6) Requests for Information (RFIs) in the past 30 days. Five (5) of the RFIs were generated by the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) and one (1) was generated by the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (CRBA).

EDC staff made four (4) existing industry visits in the past 30 days.

Below please find a couple charts with the locations under consideration and the industry type for the active projects:



Community Health Comparison Report

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin released the 12th annual nationwide analysis of community health in the fall of 2021. The analysis captures data for each county across all fifty (50) states. The report compares and ranks the health factors and health outcomes of counties

Health Outcomes – 50% Length of Life (length of life, premature deaths, etc.) and **50% Quality of Life** (self-reported quality of life indicators such as physical health, mental health, health condition, etc. and low birth weight).

Stanly County's premature death rate continues to lag the state and national average. Further, the rate increased fairly steadily from 2015-2018.

Health Factors – 30% Health Behaviors (smoking, diet and exercise, alcohol use, risky sexual behavior, etc.), **20% Clinical Care** (access to care and quality of care), **40% Social & Economic Factors** (educational level, employment, income, family, crime, etc.) and **10% Physical Environment** (environmental quality).

*Stanly County's overall health factors differ most significantly from the national and state benchmarks in the areas of **adult smoking, teen birth rates, physical inactivity, longer commute times and access to health and mental health care providers.***

Below please find a regional comparison of both health factors and health outcomes:

Counties	Health Factors Rank	Change from 2020	Health Outcomes Rank	Change from 2020
Union	7	-2	3	-
Cabarrus	13	+2	13	-4
Lincoln	26	-2	25	-3
Stanly	36	-3	68	-13
Davidson	47	+5	49	+2
Rowan	51	+10	60	+13
Montgomery	68	+3	69	-21
Cleveland	72	-6	81	+1
Anson	89	-	94	+2